

## REMARKS

Applicants have withdrawn claim 12 from further consideration in this application as drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants reserve the right to file the subject matter of claim 12 in one or more divisional or continuing applications. Applicants affirm their election of claims 1-11 drawn to the invention of Group I.

Claim 1 has been amended at line 5 to delete the words “of the type” at the request of the Examiner. It is believed that this amendment to claim 1 overcomes the rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

To overcome the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jenkins, et al., Applicants have amended claim 1 at line 4 to call for a dry plasticizer absorbent material. Jenkins, et al. do not apply their absorbing material, such as sodium bicarbonate, in a dry form, instead it is incorporated in a moist towelette containing a hair neutralizing solution whose active ingredient is hydrogen peroxide, conventionally in a 3% solution. Whether the cleaning solution of Jenkins, et al. is applied directly as a liquid, as called for in one embodiment, or in a moist towelette, as called for in another embodiment, it is applied in a moist state and not as a dry material, as called for in currently amended claim 1. Claim 1 was further amended for clarity and consistency by replacing the word “absorbing” with the word “absorbent.” Claim 1 was further amended at line 10 to delete the word “plasticizer” and replace it with the words “plasticizers, oils and other liquids.”

Again for clarity, claim 3 has been amended to add the words “plasticizer absorbent” before the word “material.” Claim 4 has been amended to delete “absorbing” and to replace it with “absorbent.” Claims 5-11 have been amended to insert the word “plasticizer” to modify the word “absorbent.”

It is believed the foregoing amendments improve the clarity of the claims without changing their scope.

Newly submitted independent claims 13, 19 and 25 express in independent form, the subject matter of dependent claims 8, 9 and 10 , which the Examiner indicated were allowable if written in independent form. Each newly submitted independent claim has a limited number of dependent claims depended thereto.

A consideration and allowance of the amended claims and newly submitted independent claims and their dependent claims are requested.

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